

Deadline Set for October 21

Ithaca, NY -- The office of Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is now accepting nomination applications for young people in the 22nd District interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies. As part of the admissions process, the academies require candidates to be nominated. Such nominations are made by members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

"Every year I have the pleasure of nominating candidates for our nation's prestigious service academies," said Hinchey. "As a U.S. Navy veteran, I take great pride in the young people from across New York's 22nd Congressional District who apply to attend these academies. We have dozens of qualified applicants every year, and the process is very competitive. Our part of New York has a strong tradition of service to our military, and I look forward to helping to build on that legacy by nominating a generation of leaders this year."

Each year, Hinchey nominates qualified candidates for the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy. Hinchey may only nominate residents of New York's 22nd Congressional District. Potential applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be a U.S. citizen;
2. Be at least 17 years of age and not past their 22nd birthday on July 1 of the year the applicant wishes to be admitted; and
3. Must have never been married; nor have any legal dependents.

Applicants should also include all of the following in their submissions:

- Completed application for academy nomination;
- An official copy of your SAT or ACT scores;
- An official high school transcript;
- Three letters of recommendation;
- A current photograph (The applicant's name and Social Security number should be written on the back of the photograph);
- A 1 to 2 page essay on why the candidate wants to attend the academy; and,

- Other information the candidate feels may be helpful.

Late in the fall, each candidate who submitted a completed nomination application will be scheduled for a personal interview with the congressman's Academy Nomination Interview Panel. During this interview, applicants should be prepared to discuss their interest in pursuing a military career.

All applications and supporting documents must be received by the Ithaca office by October 21, 2011. Congressman Hinchey's office is glad to answer questions and assist with the application process. More information can be found at Hinchey's official website located at <http://hinchey.house.gov>. Submissions should be mailed to the following address:

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